

Purpose of the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Grant

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To provide guidance on the eligibility requirements and purpose of the grant funds

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For the purposes of encouraging counties to develop a coordinated local corrections-criminal justice system and providing effective alternatives to imprisonment at the state level, the IDOC Commissioner shall provide grants to counties for the establishment and operation of community corrections programs as defined by IC Code 11-12-1-1.

Grants awarded must focus on funding evidence-based programs, including programs that address cognitions that have a primary goal of reforming offenders.

The state awarded funds may be used for one or more of the following purposes:

- Assisting a county in defraying the expenses of incarceration;
- Funding mental health, addiction, and cognitive behavioral treatment programs to incarcerated persons within the confines of the county jail that are not otherwise covered by HIP 2.0, Medicaid, and/or Recovery Works;
- Funding mental health, addiction, and cognitive behavior treatment programs for persons who are supervised by a community corrections program;
- Funding work release and other components of community corrections programs;
- Providing funding to a county for probation officer and community correction officer salaries;
- Technology based programs, including an electronic monitoring program;
- Alternative sentencing projects for persons with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders. Programs for addictive disorders may include:
 - Addictions counseling;
 - Inpatient detoxification; and
 - Medication assisted treatment, including a federal Food and Drug Administration approved long acting, non-addictive medication for the treatment of opioid or alcohol dependence.

Target Population

This grant funding targets moderate to high risk felony offenders who are supervised within the community or the local county jail.

- Post-Conviction participants served with grant funding should be moderate to high risk as identified by the Indiana Risk Assessment System-Community Supervision Tool (IRAS-CST).
- Jail Treatment participants should be assessed with an actuarial assessment tool, demonstrate a moderate to high need for mental health and/or addiction treatment services, and voluntarily agree to participate in programs or services.
- Pre-Trial participants should be assessed with the IRAS-Pre-Trial Assessment Tool (IRAS-PAT). Participants who voluntarily agree to participate in programs or services should be assessed with an additional actuarial assessment tool to ensure there is a moderate to high need for participation in the program or service.

Eligible Entities for Funding

County community corrections programs, county probation departments, court supervised recidivism reduction programs, prosecutor diversion programs, and county jails providing evidence-based mental health and addiction treatment services; counties for the establishment and operation of pretrial release programs, through a collaborative effort, are also eligible to apply.

Funding Guidelines

To be considered for funding, applicants must demonstrate the following:

1. Programs receiving state grant funding that supervise post-conviction participants must supervise participants and provide programs and services consistent with all Principles of Effective Interventions published by the National Institute of Corrections available at:
<http://nicic.gov/ThePrinciplesofEffectiveInterventions>
 - a. In addition to the above, programs that supervise post-conviction participants shall support an Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Organization as described by The Carey Group's "Building and Sustaining an EBP Organization" available at:
<http://www.thecareygroup.com/documents/Checklist%20Building%20and%20Sustaining%20an%20EBP%20Organization.pdf>
2. Pre-Trial participants should be supervised consistent with best practices, as taken from the American Bar Association's *Standards for Criminal Justice, Pretrial Release* (2002) and the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies' *Standards on Pretrial Release* (2004).
3. Programs receiving grant funding must ensure services and supervision are being delivered to the target population of moderate to high risk felony offenders. Grant funds may supplement, but not supplant, existing county programs and/or services currently being funded through county funds.

Counties may not use funds received from this grant to construct or renovate county jails or community corrections facilities. Additional grant funds made available from HEA 1006 may not be used to provide salary increases for staff.

4. Programs receiving state grant funding will collect and maintain required data for documentary evidence, as required by the Department of Correction, for compliance with the community corrections plan, contract, and entity's quality assurance policy. Agencies will be required to submit data, with assistance from the Department of Correction, if needed, in a specified format by specific deadline dates.